

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Official Action dated March 27, 2006. In response to the issues raised, we offer the following submissions and amendments. We also enclose a Terminal Disclaimer linking the term and ownership of any patent granted on the present application to that of US 6,802,594.

Amendments

Page 1 of the specification has been amended. The first paragraph has been deleted and replaced by a paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications".

The claims have been amended to focus on the support member rather than the printhead assembly as a whole. Claim 1 has been cancelled and newly presented claim 7 becomes the sole independent claim. In the definition provided by new claim 1, the inkjet printer and the printhead modules become part of the preamble rather than claim integers.

Pursuant to the above amendments, the title and the abstract have also been amended to align with the new claims.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

Drawings

In light of the above amendments, the drawing now depicts all the elements defined by the claims. Integers such as the printhead modules and the inkjet printer itself are now recited in the preamble to claim 1. As part of the preamble, these features merely set out the context in which the invention operates. They do not form part of the combination of integers forming part of the invention. Accordingly, the drawing complies with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Claim 3 Objection

The amendments have also corrected the typographical error identified by the Examiner.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting

We trust the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer addresses this issue.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the objections and rejections of the above reference Office Action have been successfully traversed. Accordingly favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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